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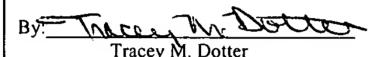
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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING IMPROVED

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the papers, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 21, 2005.



AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2005, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, the Applicant submits the present amendment and response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. A Petition to Extend the period for responding to the Office Action by 3 months, from 9/21/05 to 12/21/05 is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-63 remain pending in the application, with Claims 41-50 having been previously withdrawn by the Examiner. Claim 21 has been amended. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 12 of this paper.